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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. The Examiner allowed claims 1-30 placing this application in condition for allowance. In the Office Action mailed December 7, 2004, the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference sign(s) mentioned in the description. Specifically, the Examiner found that Figure 2 did not include the reference numeral 70. Applicant hereby submits a replacement sheet containing Figure 2 with the omitted referenced number. Applicant appreciates the close scrutiny the Examiner provided in examining the application.

The Examiner also requested that the legend "prior art" be added to Figure 2. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Figure 2 is a graphical illustration comparing a conventional pulse sequence 70 to a pulse sequence 74 that is in accordance with the present invention. Therefore, Figure 2 does not "only" illustrate that which is old. Labeling Figure 2 as "prior art" would result in confusion since Figure 2 includes an embodiment of the invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings, for these grounds.

Regarding the Examiner's suggestion that the two pulse sequences shown in Figure 2 be designated separately as Fig. 2a and Fig. 2b, Applicant believes such a separation is unnecessary, and not practical. These two pulse sequences were arranged as a single figure for comparison purposes. Applicant believes that it has satisfied the statutory requirements, as well as the requirement of the CFR and MPEP with regard to the drawings. Applicant believes that the representations shown at Figure 2 are clearly set forth and supported by the specification, and that one skilled in the art will more readily understand the invention as presently set forth, and based on the written description, there can be no confusion as to what is shown.

In summary, and in accordance with MPEP 608.02(g), since Figure 2 does not depict "only that which is old", the drawing is believed to satisfy all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-30.

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Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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